

1585

The Colony of Roanoke Island
off the coast of North Carolina,
was settled by the English.

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TICHO BRAHE built an EQUATORIAL
ARMILLARY, nearly nine feet
across, that was the most accurate
instrument developed up to its time
for measuring the celestial latitude
and longitude of stars.

1585 AD

STEVIN introduced decimal
fractions

1585

Persia Acquires great power
under ABBAS the Great

1585-1590

1912 Dates J-BK

Italy

Pope SIXTUS V suppressed
the bandits in the papal
states.

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1912 Dates J-EK

America

Raleigh's settlement on
Roanoke Island.

1912 Dates J-BK

1585-1589

France
War of the Three Henries

Just as the ~~Span~~ Spaniards were digging in at San Augustin, two French galleons from Fort Caroline appeared on the horizon. But before Jean Ribaut could strike, a sudden storm blew his ships to the south. Exploiting the bad weather, which lasted for days, Menéndez ordered a hard march up the coast through wind and floods to take (French) Fort Caroline by surprise. Of the

240 in the garrison, 132 were killed.
To the South, the storm-blown French ships
foundered. The France soldiers trudged back north
unaware the Spaniards had taken their fort.

Menéndez with 50 soldiers persuaded 200
of the bedraggled Frenchmen to surrender.
Then (except for 10 professed Catholics) Menéndez had them
skewered. Soon after, he captured RIBAUT and
150 Frenchmen. Except for the musicians and
4 Catholics, Menéndez killed them also.

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Sir Walter Raleigh sent "7 ships well stocked and manned;" to plant an English Colony in the New World. The colonists landed at Roanoke Island but abandoned their attempt early in 1586.
(North Carolina, just south of Kitty Hawk).

July 1585

108 Englishmen landed at Roanoke Island off the coast of North Carolina. Sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh, the settlers built a fort and houses, planted crops, and sought gold.

Hurricanes and hostile Indians forced them to return to England within a year.